MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what exactly was the defect in the system?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: The point is very technical and if the honourable member would care to come to me leisurely I will explain to him with reference to the vouchers what exactly the defect was.

*Audit of the Transport Department.*

338. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Transport Department was audited last; and

(*b*) what the result of the audit was?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: (*a*) If by audit is meant local audit, such audit was conducted in the 1st half of the current year.

If otherwise, the audit is done monthly.

(*b*) The report is under consideration and it is too early to state anything about the result of audit.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the members has seen that report.

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Yes, I have seen the report.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the impression that the department is running at a loss can be ascertained from that report?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Government have no impression like that.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the member is aware that the Government has issued a Press Note stating that the department was running at a loss due to the subversive activities of the State Congress?

PRESIDENT: That was not what the Press Note stated. Honourable members should verify the correctness of their statements before they make them. Questions of that nature may have a very deleterious effect on the public. Government did not say that the department was running at a loss. What they said was that much loss was caused on account of the subversive activities of the State Congress. It is very different from saying that the department was running at a loss due to the subversive activities of the State Congress. Honourable members who are the custodians of the honour of the departments as much as the Government ought to be careful when they make such statements.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: That was not my intention. I did not want to condemn the department. I asked the question only on a point of information.

PRESIDENT: If really the department is badly managed, there must be no camouflage but there must be straightforward comments and Government will have the opportunity to deal with the matter and take up the responsibility to deal with it. But indirect statements of this nature are unhelpful for the proper running of administration and nobody

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should be more sensitive to that than the honourable members of this House.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): പ്രാപ്തനായ ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്റെ അഭാവം നിമിത്തം ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിനു കിട്ടേണ്ട ന്യായം മുഴുവനും കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: There is no such impression

*Applications under Act 1 of 1114.*

339. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the names of persons who have applied to the Government for removal of disqualifications arising out of conviction under Act 1 of 1114?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Statement is laid on the table.

*Detention under the Defence of Travancore Act.*

340. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons detained under the Defence of Travancore Act during the period from the month of Tai 1115 to 15th Vykasi 1115;

(*b*) whether any of those persons is detained in the police lock-up;

(*c*) the number of those persons who are detained in the civil jail; and

(*d*) the number and the names of those detained in the Central Jail?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) 8.

(*b*) 6.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) Mr. R. Parameswaran Pillai.

*Detention under the Defence of Travancore Act.*

341. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons detained, under the Defence of Travancore Act, from the declaration of the present European War to May 31, 1940; and

(*b*) the amount allowed to each person for

i. daily food,

ii. clothing,

iii. other necessaries?

*Vide* appendix I.

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